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State Auditor Doug Hoffer Appoints Tim Ashe as Deputy State Auditor, Thanks Andrew Stein for His Service

Vermont State Auditor Doug Hoffer is pleased to announce the appointment of Tim Ashe as Deputy State Auditor. Ashe takes over from Andrew Stein, who served in the Auditor's Office for almost five years. Stein is leaving for a position in the Vermont Department of Taxes.

Ashe joins the Auditor's Office having recently completed his second term as the President *pro tempore* of the Vermont State Senate and sixth term overall. Previously, he chaired the Senate Finance Committee, and served on the Appropriations Committee, the Emergency Board, and the Joint Fiscal Committee, among other assignments. Prior to his Senate tenure, he served four years as an elected municipal official, and worked for three years in a Vermont Congressional office.

"Tim comes to this job with extensive experience at all levels of government and in the private sector," Hoffer said. "Most importantly, it is rare to find someone with such deep knowledge of state government budgeting and policies."

In addition to his public service, Ashe was an affordable housing developer for nearly a decade at Cathedral Square, where he developed nearly 400 units of affordable housing for older Vermonters and Vermonters with special needs. In addition, he developed two solar installations and managed one of the largest weatherization projects in Vermont history.

"The central concern of the Auditor's Office is making sure that Vermonters' tax dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively," Hoffer said. "Tim brings both a policymaking and practitioner's eye to that work."

Ashe expressed his excitement at becoming the Deputy Auditor: "As Auditor, Doug has been unafraid to challenge the conventional wisdom, and to ask uncomfortable questions in the pursuit of better government. I hope I have demonstrated the same ethic throughout my public service. I'm thrilled to be joining Doug's team."

Ashe added: "The staff at the Auditor's Office are first-rate. I've benefited from their work over the years, and I can't wait to get started alongside them."

Auditor Hoffer expressed his gratitude to Andrew Stein for his years of service as the Deputy Auditor, and as a researcher in the office before that.

"Andrew has been a vital member of the Auditor's Office. His work reflects the type of person he is – of the highest integrity, curiosity and quality," Hoffer said. "I've been grateful for his efforts, which have served me and the State of Vermont very well."

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